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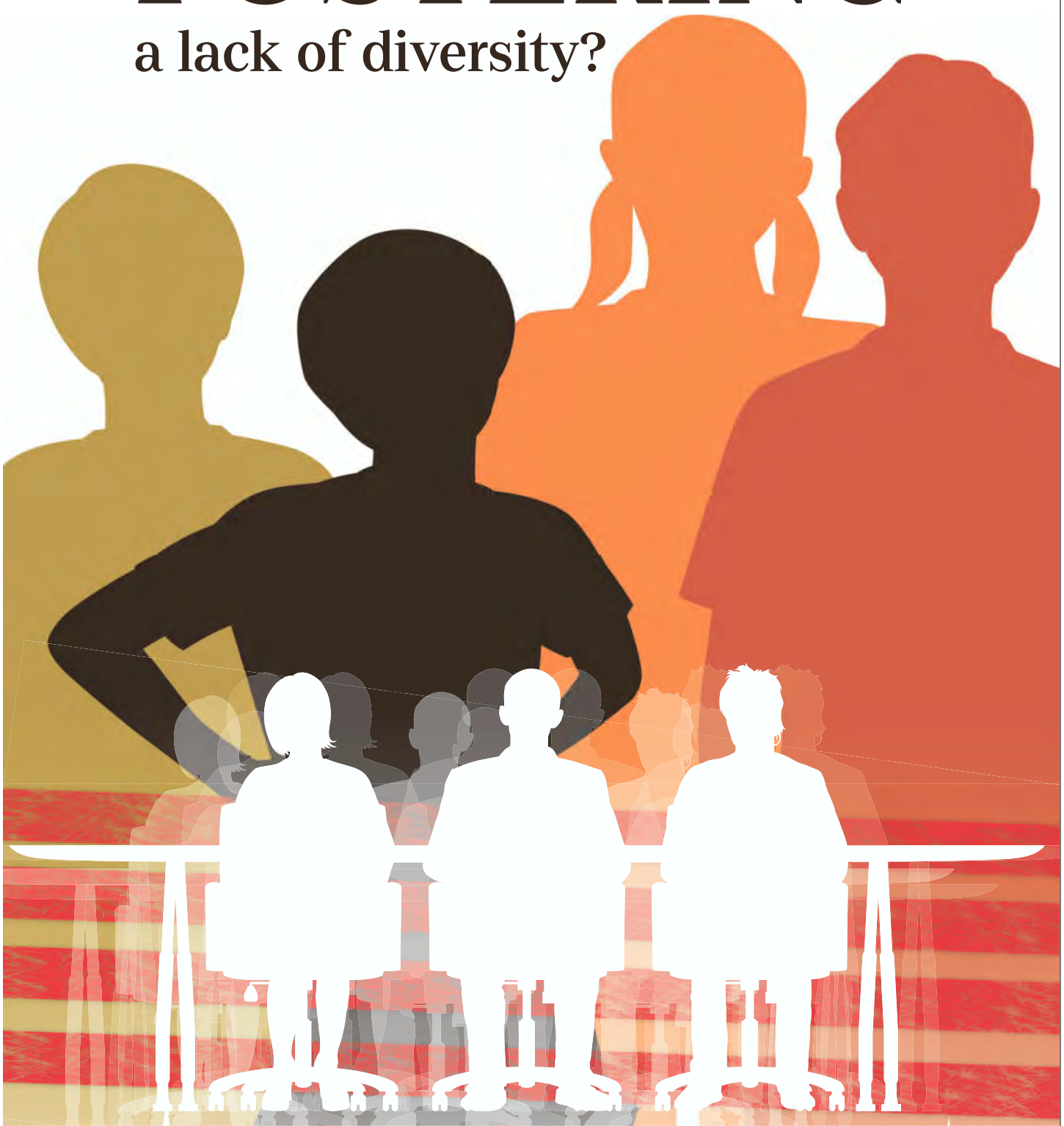
# FOSTERING a lack of diversity?



## Kids in Arizona's care are mostly children of color, but those charged with treating them fairly are overwhelmingly white

**Maria Polletta** Arizona Republic | USA TODAY NETWORK

Experts have long recognized inequalities in America's child-welfare system: When kids share identical circumstances except for race, black and Native American children enter foster care more often, spend more time in the system and wait longer to be adopted.

In an attempt to ensure fair treatment for kids taken from their parents, Arizona lawmakers decades ago mandated that Foster Care Review Boards — which help decide the fates of children in foster care — mirror the races, ethnicities and income levels of the communities they serve.

They don't.

Although children of color represent about 60 percent of kids in out-of-home care, Foster Care Review Boards are overwhelmingly white. State records indicate nearly 90 percent of board members in Maricopa County and 100 percent of board members in six other

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THE BORDER

# Clogged ports hurt Arizona's economy

## CBP staff shortages are blamed for long waits

**Rafael Carranza and Daniel González**
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NOGALES, Ariz. — Bruce Bracker watched as a half-dozen workers sifted last month through the remains of his family's nine decades in the department-store business.

The crew was rushing to vacate the three-story Bracker's Department Store, which has sold designer clothing to customers from both sides of the Arizona-Mexico border.

The crew sorted shelving, hangers, mannequins and other items that will be sold or repurposed. Everything else was going into a dumpster.

"There's 63 years of stuff to move," Bracker said between phone calls and questions from the workers.

His department store joins a string of border businesses that have called it quits over the past decade. Like thousands of businesses along the U.S.-Mexico border, Bracker's bottom line

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**The Wall:** To read our in-depth investigation of issues tied to the proposed wall on the U.S.-Mexico border, visit **thewall.usatoday.com**.

# McCain slams Trump for believing Putin on meddling

**Dan Nowicki**
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U.S. Sen. John McCain unloaded on President Donald Trump on Saturday after Trump appeared to take the word of Russian President Vladimir Putin over U.S. intelligence officials regarding last year's election interference.

McCain, R-Ariz., a longtime critic of Putin's who has publicly fueded with Trump on and off for more than two years, also called Trump's willingness to cooperate with Putin on Syria "naive" and warned it would jeopardize national security.

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Crowds of people turn out as the American flag is carried through the streets Saturday during the Veterans Day Parade on Central Avenue in Phoenix.
PATRICK BREEN/THE REPUBLIC

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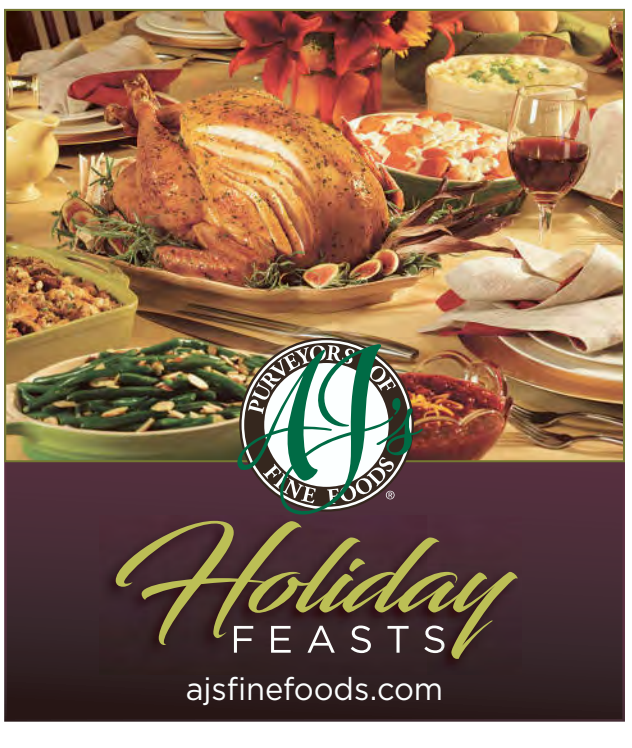
Each week, this series introduces you to an exceptional American who unites, rather than divides, our communities. Read about Sofia Enriquez, who breaks down barriers with art classes for kids. **Page 5E**

# State fuels Uber success

Uber's presence has exploded in Arizona after starting five years ago with a single worker and a handful of drivers. **AZ Economy, Page 3E**



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